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Between 9 and 10 a.m. on 12 October 1953 on her way from Luebeck to Stettin [redacted] ship was overtaken by two small Rep Police minesweepers which proceeded at a speed of between 10 and 12 knots along the mine swept channel north of Ruegen Island. The sweepers had one 20-mm AA gun forward and one aft, both with protective shields. Three runners wearing life jackets manned each gun and four men were on each conning tower. The boats exchanged flag signals. Course and speed signals were hoisted and hauled down at the signal yards. After passing [redacted] steamer, one of the boats hoisted international flag A which made the two boats reverse course by 180 degrees. A few minutes later the boats met a third boat of this type at which they fired with blank ammunition. They also fired green, white and red flares. Large PT boats [redacted] met on the western approach to the Swinemünde channel and were joined by ten other unidentified boats of their class. [redacted] towed into Sassnitz harbor [redacted] which was apparently damaged. A floating target was seen between position 5 and Sassnitz [redacted] believed that firing practices would be held there.

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2. On 12 October 1953, two grey sea police KS boats were near position 4c on the western approach to Swamenuende about 2 sea miles east of the prescribed channel. They apparently had new flags. [] was near position 4 and proceeded as far as position 2, when she reversed course. She carried a 20-mm gun on the foredeck and a canvas-covered gun on the fantail and had a crew of about eleven men.

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